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Mr. Alva Rockwell 1741 Spanish Valley Dr. Moab, UT 84532

Dear Mr. Rockwell:

Your notice of intent to remove a 500 ton sample lot from the Golden Horse No. 2 mining claim was received in this office on January 12, 1996. The notice has been assigned serial number UTU-72565. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

We reviewed your notice and determined that it contains the required information outlined in 43 CFR 3809. All necessary clearances, with exception of cultural resources, have been done. We were unable to complete a cultural resource inventory because of the recent snowfall. Since you are proposing work in a previously disturbed area, we feel operations can proceed without benefit of a cultural clearance. However, as a safeguard, we ask that you notify us prior to beginning sampling work so we can provide a monitor if time allows.

Copies of the notice has been forwarded to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM), and the Division of Water Quality (DEQ). As such, you will not be required to provide this information to DOGM or DEQ, however, reclamation under this notice is required within the specifications of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

We would like to stress that the 43 CFR 3809 Surface Management Regulations require that you reclaim all surface disturbance and take reasonable measures to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of federal lands during your operations. At a minimum the following mitigating measures should be taken to meet this requirement:

- 1. Since this is a one-time sampling operation, all improvements to the existing road shall be kept to the minimum necessary to accommodate haul vehicles. The road shall not be widened. Should an extended operation be proposed as a result of sample findings, then longer term improvements to the road would be addressed at that time.
- 2. We assume road maintenance work would include that portion of the road in state section 2. The BLM has no authority to permit activity on lands owned by the State of Utah. Any use of that land should be approved by the Division of State Lands and Forestry.

In accordance with regulations at 43 CFR Section 3809.1-3(5) you must notify this office when work is complete so a final inspection of reclamation can be made. We will assist you in developing appropriate reclamation techniques, if requested.

This letter acknowledges receipt and acceptance of the subject mining notice. Acceptance of this notice will not now, or in the future serve as a determination of the validity of any mining claim to which it may relate.

If you have any questions, please contact Ted McDougall at (801) 587-2141. Thank you for submitting your notice.

Sincerely,

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Area Manager

cc: DOGM

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